S.No.	Train Number and Name	Reasons for loss of punctuality	
		Railway Causes	Non-Railway Causes
8.	5623/5624 Cochin-Guwahati Exp.	2	—
9.	5645/5646 Dadar-Guwahati Exp.	3	—
10.	5657/5658 Kanchenjunga Exp.	10	1
11.	5959/5960 Kamrup Exp.	26	24

Cut in Expenditure of the Railways

1822. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the action plan chalked out on the Railways and means to cut expenditure in the railways and set up efforts to mobilise funds for expansion and development works of Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): Some of the important steps being taken by Railways to cut expenditure and mobilise additionals funds are as under:—

1. Marketing efforts, including freight concession, to capture additional freight traffic.
2. Drives against ticket-less travel.
3. Steps to improve earnings from parcel traffic.
4. Drive for realisation of outstanding dues.
5. Action initiated to mobilise resources through exploitation of railway land and air space, leasing of right of way for optic fibre cable communication, leasing of advertising rights at railway stations and on the rolling stock etc.
6. Zonal Railways instructed to effect savings in revenue expenditure to compensate for unavoidable post-budgetary increases such as revision of diesel prices, hike in power tariff,

increased rates of certain allowances/incentive bonus, pension etc.

7. Tight control over expenditure emphasised in areas such as fuel & power consumption, contractual payments, overtime allowance, Purchase of materials etc.
8. Austerity and economy measures in areas such as hospitality, publicity, advertisements, inaugural ceremonies, seminars & workshops, contingent office expenses, travel etc.
9. Prioritisation of expenditure on works for better use of available resources.
10. Productive use of manpower.
11. Better utilisation of assets.
12. Improvement in inventory management.
13. Maximum realisation from sale of scrap.

Promotions of Class III Employees of Railways canteens

1823. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of promotions given so far to class III employees who were directly appointed in 1984 in various northern Railway canteens in Parliament House Complex;

(b) the number of post-graduate employees working as class III since then or even before, who were given promotions, separately; and

(c) the justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) A maximum of three promotions have so far been given to Class III employees appointed in Parliament House Catering Unit in respect of recruitment of 1984.

(b) No post graduate employees is working in Class III.

(c) Question does not arise.